

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 13-17, 30-34, and 42-49 are allowed.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 13-17, 30-34, and 42-49 will be pending. By this amendment, claims 1-12, 18-29, and 35-41 have been canceled.

Election/Restrictions of Claims 1-12, 18-29, and 35-41

In Section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that this application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 1-12, 18-29, and 35-41 to a non-elected invention without traverse. As shown above, claims 1-12, 18-29, and 35-41 have been canceled. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with claims 13-17, 30-34, and 42-49 is respectfully solicited.

In regard to the claims amended herein and throughout the prosecution of this application, it is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are

made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

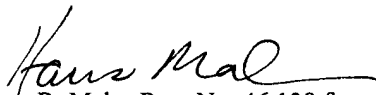
In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number written below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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